

3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020

**Honorable Judge Michael Urbanski,**

Around September 5<sup>th</sup> of 2019 you sentenced me to time-served (Case No. 7:97-cr-0024) after I had been in prison for almost 22 years and 8 months with a clear record. ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) arrested me subsequently and denied me a bond, and has been holding me in detention for almost the past 6 months.

I feel that I am being held against my will for a crime I did not commit, even though I have served more than 22 years for a crime which carries a sentence of 5 years. There have been significant delays in my deportation process and I continue to be held in custody by ICE at Farmville Detention Center in Virginia under subpar conditions. At the same time, the Coronavirus pandemic is a constant threat to my health and safety at the old age of 61 with chronic health issues; as you know, prisons and detention centers are at very high risk for viral transmission and propagation.

I have reached out to multiple departments and personnel such as the Department of Homeland Security, ICE, Director Office of Detention and Removal, Chief Immigration Counsel Michael Falcone, Director General Department of Justice, and Attorney General William Barr to plead my case but have been met with silence and disappointment. My request for release to my family in the United States until my eventual deportation-flight was denied, and my request for expedited removal similarly goes unheard. My mental, emotional, and financial resources are fading away and this prolonged incarceration for no reason whatsoever, is taking a huge toll on my health and that of my family.

After spending such a long time behind bars and completing my sentence, I deserve to be with my family and loved-ones. Some of my co-defendants who had more time-to-serve than me are already home with their families. I understand that things have been slow globally due to the Coronavirus pandemic, however, my country – Jordan – is open to international flights and I have been languishing at this detention center for 6 months which is more than adequate time for ICE to arrange for my removal despite the aforementioned pandemic.

I am reaching out to you to beg for your consideration and help regarding my case. Please assist me in any way you can in ending my incarceration and reuniting me with my family and loved ones. I thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully

  
**FAHAD TAWALBEH**

**A# 070-303-234**

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25<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

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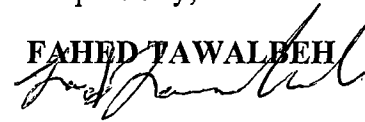
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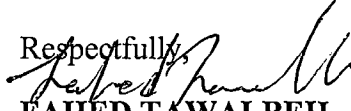
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